(b) what are the main reasons for the accidents;

(c) what is the total loss of life and property and what steps have been taken to avoid such accidents; and

(d) what are the details year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI. K.C. LENKA): (a) to (d) The number of train accidents, causes thereof, loss of lives and cost of damage to railway property for the last three years on South Central Railway is as under:—

		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1.	Number of train accidents	47	59	64
	Causes			
2.	Failure of Railway Staff	27	40	48
3.	Failure of other than Railway Staff	2	3	3
4.	**Equipment Failure**			
	(a) Mechanical	8	7	3
	(b) Track	5	4	3
5.	Sabotage	1	4	5
6.	Incidental	1	—	1
7.	Cause could not be established	3	1	1
8.	Loss of lives	5	90	30
9.	Cost of damage (in crores)	2.45	6.32	6.33

The steps taken to avoid such accidents include removal and rehabilitation of overaged assets like track, bridges, rolling stock, etc. Intensive inspections are also carried out of signalling & telecom gears, maintenance depots of wagons and locomotives and quality of out turn from the workshops. Staff in operational categories are given intensive training and their performances are monitored. In addition, inspection of track and examination of coaches, wagons and locomotives have been intensified. Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles are being resorted to identify fractures. Drivers are being monitored and counselled with regard to their driving techniques.

Completion of Korapur-Rayagada Railway Line

1165. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target date for completion of Korapur-Rayagada Railway line and what is the progress made so far and by when this line is expected to be opened for traffic;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the Nizamuddin-Sambalpur Train upto Rayagada Railway Station where washing and cleaning facilities are existing; and

(c) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Target date was 31.3.92 Progress made is 92.20% upto January, 93. Now the line is expected to be completed and opened for traffic during 1993-94.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dues to Railways

1166. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a heavy amount of money is due to Railways from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Delhi Electric Supply Undertakings (DESU) and various State Electricity Boards (SEB);

(b) if so, what is the outstanding dues separately against NTPC, DESU and each State Electricity Board as on 31st January 1993 and what action has been taken to recover them; and

(c) whether the imposition of prepayment condition of dues and other effective steps are proposed to be taken in order to curb the tendency of non-payment of dues to Railways, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As regards outstanding dues separately against NTPC, DESU and each State Electricity Board as on 31st January 1993, the information is being